

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces prior versions:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An extension device having such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of an information processing device, comprising:

an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information through a sensor and has a shutter operable to cover a sensing surface of the sensor; and

a carrier unit which carries said identification-information-acquisition unit from a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is encased in the container portion to a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is situated outside the container portion so as to permit entry of identification information, said carrier extending to an outside of the container portion by moving out of a position where said carrier is substantially fully encased in the container portion,

wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit, and is connectable to the information processing device through a cable when said identification-information-acquisition unit is detached from said carrier unit.

Claim 9 (Original): The extension device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a biological-information-acquisition unit for acquiring biological information.

Claim 10 (Original): The extension device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said biological information includes one of fingerprints, retinal patterns, voice, handwritings, and facial features.

Claims 11 and 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The extension device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes:

a left-hand-side connector which is to be connected to said extension device when said extension device is mounted in a left-hand side of the information processing device; and

a right-hand-side connector which is to be connected to said extension device when said extension device is mounted in a right-hand side of the information processing device.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The extension device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a front-side connector which is to be connected to said extension device when said extension device is mounted in a front side of the information processing device.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The extension device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said cable has a connector provided at a tip thereof, and said identification-information-acquisition unit further being connectable to a connector of the extension device via said cable when said identification-information-acquisition unit is attached to said carrier unit.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The extension device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising an operation unit which prompts said carrier unit to engage in a first motion to situate said identification-information-acquisition unit at a position that is barely sufficient for identification information to be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit, and prompts said carrier unit to engage in a second motion to expose an entirety of said identification-information-acquisition unit outside the container portion.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): An identification-information-acquisition device to be detachably mounted in an extension device which has such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of an information processing device, and which includes a carrier unit that moves from a position where said carrier unit is encased in the container portion to a position where said carrier unit is situated outside the container portion, said identification-information-acquisition device comprising an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information, wherein the carrier unit moves said identification-information-acquisition unit from an encased position to a position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The identification-information-acquisition device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a biological-information-acquisition unit for acquiring biological information.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The identification-information-acquisition device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said biological information includes one of fingerprints, retinal patterns, voice, handwritings, and facial features.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): An information processing device, comprising:

a case;

an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information;

a container unit which is provided in association with said case, and stores said identification-information-acquisition unit therein; and

a carrier unit which carries said identification-information-acquisition unit from a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is encased in said container unit to a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is situated outside said container unit.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The information processing device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a biological-information-acquisition unit for acquiring biological information.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The information processing device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said biological information includes one of fingerprints, retinal patterns, voice, handwritings, and facial features.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The information processing device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): An identification-information-acquisition device to be detachably mounted in an information processing device which includes a carrier unit that moves from a position where the carrier unit is encased in the information processing device to a position where the carrier unit is exposed outside the information processing device, said identification-information-acquisition device comprising:

an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information,

wherein the carrier unit moves said identification-information-acquisition unit from an encased position to a position where the identification information can be entered in said identification-information-acquisition unit when said identification-information-acquisition device is mounted on the carrier unit.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The identification-information-acquisition device as claimed in claim 24, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit includes a biological-information-acquisition unit for acquiring biological information.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The identification-information-acquisition device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said biological information includes one of fingerprints, retinal patterns, voice, handwritings, and facial features.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The identification-information-acquisition device as claimed in claim 24, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): An extension device having such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of an information processing device, comprising:

a fingerprint-reading unit which detects a fingerprint through a sensor and has a shutter operable to cover a sensing surface of the sensor; and

a carrier unit which carries said fingerprint-reading unit from a position where said fingerprint-reading unit is encased in the container portion to a position where said fingerprint-reading unit is situated outside the container portion so as to permit reading of a fingerprint, said carrier extending to an outside of the container portion by moving out of a position where said carrier is substantially fully encased in the container portion,

wherein said fingerprint-reading unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit, and is connectable to the information processing device through a cable when said fingerprint-reading identification-information-acquisition unit is detached from said carrier unit.

Claim 29 (Original): The extension device as claimed in claim 28, detachably mounted in the container portion that is configured to receive therein any one of a plurality of different types of extension devices.

Claim 30 (Original): The extension device as claimed in claim 28, wherein the information processing device is a portable-type information processing device, said container unit being provided with said portable-type information processing device.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): An information processing device, comprising:
a container unit in which an extension device is detachably stored;
a fingerprint-reading unit which detects a fingerprint; and
a carrier unit which carries said fingerprint-reading unit from a position where said fingerprint-reading unit is encased in the extension device to a position where said fingerprint-reading unit is situated outside the extension device so as to permit reading of a fingerprint.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The information processing device as claimed in claim 31, wherein said information processing device is a portable-type information processing device.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The information processing device as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a matching unit which attends to fingerprint matching with respect to data read by said fingerprint-reading unit.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): A computer system, comprising:
an information processing device; and
an extension device ~~mountable~~ having such a configuration as to be mounted in a container portion of said information processing device, said extension device including:

an identification-information-acquisition unit which receives identification information through a sensor and has a shutter operable to cover a sensing surface of the sensor; and

a carrier unit which carries said identification-information-acquisition unit from a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is encased in the container portion to a position where said identification-information-acquisition unit is situated outside the container portion so as to permit entry of identification information, said carrier extending to an outside of the container portion by moving out of a position where said carrier is substantially fully encased in the container portion, wherein said identification-information-acquisition unit is configured to be detachable from said carrier unit, and is connectable to the information processing device through a cable when said identification-information-acquisition unit is detached from said carrier unit.